

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-10 and 12-19 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 2, 5, 9, 12, 13, and 14; and cancels Claim 11.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Cox-Smith et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0015982) and/or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Cox-Smith et al. in view of Ahrendt (U.S. Patent No. 6,439,501).

Claims 2-10, 12 and 14-19 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, Claims 2, 5, 9, 12, and 14 are rewritten in independent form. Independent Claim 11 is canceled and Claim 13 is amended to depend from allowable Claim 2. Therefore, all pending claims are now believed to be allowable.

In response to the rejections of Claims 11 and 13, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. However, in the spirit of moving prosecution forward for the present application, Claim 11 is canceled and Claim 13 is amended to depend from allowable Claim 2 so that the rejections are now moot. Applicant reserves the right to present Claims 11 and 13, or similar claims, in a continuation application and to address any traversed issues in such application.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 2-10 and 12-19 is earnestly solicited.

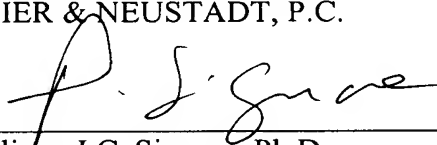
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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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